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# GERMANS OPEN DRIVE IN CHAMPAGNE; REPULSED FIVE TIMES, PARIS CLAIMS

## 20 STRIKERS WRECK A CAR AND FIGHT POLICE RESERVES; MORE ATTACKS ON 'L' TRAINS

"All Up in Air," Says Mitchell  
After Conference on Plans  
for Truce.

SHONTS REMAINS FIRM.

Interboro Head Won't Deal  
With Union and City Officials  
Expect More Strikes.

A band of twenty or more strikers  
lifted a manhole casting weighing  
about 500 pounds and threw it in front  
of a Third Avenue car at Ninety-  
second Street to-day. Frank Corbett,  
the motorman, was unable to stop his  
car, which was going at a fair rate of  
speed, before it struck the obstacle.

The forward end of the car was  
thrown three feet from the tracks and  
the forward truck left the rails.  
Everybody in the car was piled in the  
aisles. Gustard Herd, No. 224 East  
Seventy-ninth Street; Miss Norah  
Gunter, No. 2051 Third Avenue, and  
James Meehan, No. 679 Wales Avenue,  
were attended by ambulance sur-  
geon Beall of Reception Hospital for  
minor hurts.

Policeman Johanson jumped from  
the car into the band of strikers, but  
they hustled him about and gave him  
no chance to swing his stick. Police  
reserves from the East Eighty-eighth  
Street Station went to his rescue and  
there were running fights all along  
the block for fifteen minutes, though  
no arrests were made.

The northbound Third Avenue tracks  
were blocked for nearly an hour be-  
fore the wreck could be removed.  
**TWO HIT WITH BOTTLES ON  
'L' TRAINS.**

Two men were hit on the head with  
beer bottles on "L" trains early  
to-day, but neither was seriously  
hurt. J. Claffy of No. 505 West Twen-  
ty-seventh Street, station master at  
the Fordham station of the Third  
Avenue elevated, was hit on a north-  
bound Ninth Avenue train at Fifty-  
sixth Street. He went to Roosevelt  
Hospital for treatment and then went  
home. A man whose car was cut by  
a hurled bottle on a northbound  
Third Avenue train at Sixty-sixth  
Street went home without giving his  
name to the police.

The Interborough sends special  
officers to the homes of the motormen  
to escort them to the bars every  
morning as a protection against vio-

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### A Week of Records

High-water mark figures reached  
by World Advertising.

**SUNDAY RECORD—**

**10,343** WORLD ADS. LAST SUNDAY—  
84 MORE THAN THE RECORD  
OF SEPT. 29, 1915.

**WEEK-DAY RECORD—**

**7,004** WORLD ADS. Last  
Tues., Sept. 12, 1916—  
428 MORE THAN THE RECORD  
OF JUNE 16, 1915.

**WEEK'S RECORD—**

**42,597** WORLD ADS. LAST WEEK—  
1,005 MORE THAN THE RECORD  
OF SEPT. 24, 1915.

Greatest Home Circulation.

Leader in Advertising.

## MORE RICH VICTIMS OF BLACKMAIL GANG FOUND BY POLICE

Tell How They Were Lured  
by Women and Held Up by  
Fake Secret Service Men.

PLOT IS COUNTRY-WIDE.

Slip of the Tongue Led to the  
Search That Resulted in Raid  
on Gang in Chicago.

Nine persons are now under arrest  
and three complete confessions have  
been made to agents of the Depart-  
ment of Justice as a result of the  
Government's pursuit of a gang of  
blackmailers and swindlers whose  
operations have yielded more than a  
million dollars in hush money and  
theft throughout the country. It was  
a gang of smart, fashionably dressed  
women and still smarter men who  
preyed upon the wealthy and prom-  
inent of both sexes, compromising  
their victims irrevocably, and then  
demanding their thousands as the  
price of silence. The ominous threat  
of the Mann White Slave Act, backed  
by spurious United States warrants  
of arrest presented by counterfeit  
agents of the Department of Justice,  
was the weapon held over the heads  
of most of the victims.

The two latest arrests in the un-  
earthing of the swindlers, whose gang  
numbered at least sixty members, a  
third of them women, were those of  
William Butler in Philadelphia, and  
Grace Fuller, alias Grace Israel or  
Sadie Israel, in Chicago, where the  
round-up of seven of the coterie was  
made in a fashionable hotel early last  
Sunday morning.

**"BRAINS" OF GANG STILL AT  
LARGE.**  
The alleged head and brains of the  
gang, known to the Government  
agents only as "H. C. Woodward,"  
has not yet been caught, but several  
of the big cities are being ransacked  
by the police to-day for him. Word  
came from Philadelphia just before  
noon that an arrest was imminent there.

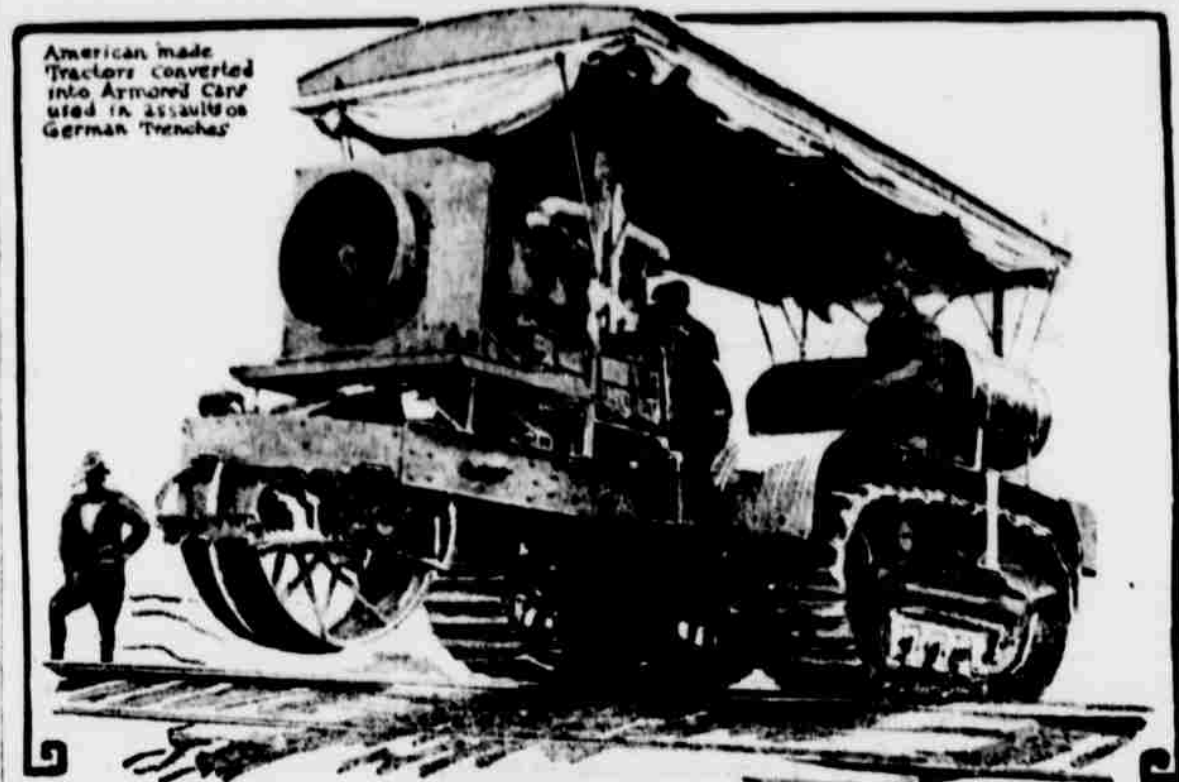
It was an ill-considered remark, a  
slip of the tongue, that first apprised  
the police that a gang of unusually  
adroit swindlers was operating in the  
large cities of the country. Mrs. J.  
Bolton Wippeny of Philadelphia was  
made a target for blackmailers last  
January when threats of the arrest  
of her son were made. William But-  
ler was arrested on her complaint, but  
this he did not know. He supposed it  
was in connection with the blackmail-  
ing of Mrs. Regina A. Klipper, a di-  
vorcee woman, the daughter of one  
of the most prosperous wholesale  
liquor dealers in Philadelphia, who  
had been enticed to a New York hotel  
and there threatened with arrest  
for violation of the Mann Act.

**MRS. KLIPPER SET THEM ON  
TRAIL OF GANG.**  
No sooner did Butler mention Mrs.  
Klipper's name than the agents of  
the Department of Justice hastened  
to find her. Then, with her identifica-  
tion of the men who had swindled  
her, the workings of the gang were  
brought to light.

Frank Crocker, one of those who  
has turned State's evidence, was Mrs.  
Klipper's companion at the hotel in  
New York on the night that Butler,  
George Irwin and Edward Donohue,  
now under arrest in Chicago, entered  
their room, produced a bogus warrant  
and demanded hush money. So real-  
istically was the "play" made that  
Donohue, as answer to the "protests"  
of Crocker, felled him to the floor  
with a powerful blow in the face.  
Crocker, all bloody and still playing  
the part of a victim, was taken to  
the hospital.

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## American Farm Tractor Which Has Been Converted by British Into Terrible Engine of War



This is the Holt caterpillar tractor made in  
Peoria, Ill., for the British Government and now  
being used successfully in assaults on the German  
trenches on the Somme. These tractors, made  
originally for agricultural purposes, have been  
converted by the British into armored trucks and

equipped with three machine guns. They hurdle  
trenches, walk through forests and crawl over  
shell craters in the face of intense firing. Ger-  
many in the siege of Liege, used about forty of  
these tractors without armor or gun equip-  
ment.

## 27 BIG WAR TRACTORS ORDERED BY UNCLE SAM

They Are the American Armored  
Land Dreadnoughts Now Being  
Used by Allies on the Somme.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 19.—Twenty-  
seven caterpillar tractors, similar to  
those converted into "land dread-  
nought tanks" by the British in north-  
ern France, will soon be a part of  
the United States Army's war para-  
phernalia. The same Peoria, Ill., firm  
which supplied the British with the  
engines for the armored fighting mon-  
sters has contracted to build the huge  
tractors for this Government. They  
are to be delivered within ninety  
days.

The tractors will weigh between  
12,000 and 14,000 pounds. This is con-  
siderably below the weight of the  
tractors furnished for Great Britain.  
Their price will be \$4,750 each. It will  
cost \$1,000 additional for encasing  
them in armor.

## ROAST BEEF NOW IS ONLY 70C A POUND IN BERLIN

Reduced From 75 Cents—Other  
Meats Lessened in Price to  
Lower Cost of Living.

BERLIN (via wireless to Sayville,  
L. I.), Sept. 19.—Meat prices have  
been reduced in Berlin as follows:  
Beef for roasting, from 75 cents a  
pound to 70 cents; beef, from 65 cents  
a pound to 60 cents; veal, from 52 1/2  
cents a pound to 46 cents.

## NEW YORK STEAMER IS REPORTED SUNK

LONDON, Sept. 19.—The loss of the  
steamers Dewa and Lord Tredegar is  
announced by Lloyd's.

The Lord Tredegar passed Gibraltar  
on September 8 on her way from New  
York to Port Said and Indian ports.  
She measured 2,347 tons.

The Lord Tredegar was cleared here  
by Funch, Edye & Co., local steamship  
agents. She was a freighter, carrying  
a general cargo, and sailed under the  
British flag. According to the agents  
there were no Americans on board so  
far as they knew.  
The Dewa, a British vessel of 3,802  
tons gross, was last reported as  
having left Portland on July 19 for  
Avonmouth.

## BATTLES ON LAND BETWEEN FLEETS OF ARMORED CARS

London Suggests Wider Use of  
"Dreadnoughts" Which  
Won for British.

LONDON, Sept. 19.—Great battles  
between whole fleets of land dread-  
noughts may result from the intro-  
duction of the new "tanks" or motor-  
car monsters in the Somme fighting  
by the British. A Times correspond-  
ent at British headquarters suggested  
to-day.

"In one short hour," the corre-  
spondent wired, "the tanks did more  
military service and killed more Ger-  
mans in uniform than all the Zeppel-  
ins have ever done."

"It may be that before this war is  
done, the Germans and all the  
allies alike, shall be building other  
monsters, bigger and each more hor-  
rible than the last until there will be  
land battles of whole fleets of dread-  
noughts and terrestrial monsters."

Only one of the "tanks" was de-  
stroyed in the Somme fighting. In  
the center of Bouleaux wood, where  
fierce fighting occurred, one of the  
new monsters lies, with its nose to  
the earth, between the opposing lines,  
forming a barricade for both British  
and Germans. How it was destroyed  
has not been revealed in despatches  
from the front.

Three Pennsylvania Regiments Or-  
dered Home.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Sept. 19.—The  
First, Second and Third Regiments of  
Pennsylvania Infantry, First Brigade,  
will be sent home from the border when  
the North Carolina Guards, three reg-  
iments strong, reaches its destination  
at El Paso. It was announced to-day  
at southern Department headquarters.

Worst Coal Car Famine Yet.  
PITTSBURGH, Sept. 19.—Coal short-  
age in Pittsburgh and adjacent ter-  
ritory is reported by shippers and rail-  
road men to be the worst ever known,  
that the railroads, associations of  
shippers and the Interstate Commerce  
Commission have sent out many cir-  
culars to all consignees urging haste in  
unloading cars. Mines have been forced  
to operate on short time.

## KILLS WIFE AND SELF AFTER A QUARREL

Brooklyn Man Fires Two Shots at  
Mate as She Flees From  
Their Apartment.

Herman Clade shot and killed his  
wife, Caroline, this afternoon in their  
home, No. 1080 Hancock Street, Brook-  
lyn, and then killed himself.

The killing and suicide followed a  
quarrel the couple had about 3  
o'clock. In the height of the quarrel  
Mrs. Clade, who was forty years old,  
ran from their rooms on the second  
floor of the house. Clade pursued  
her with a revolver in his hand. Mrs.  
Janssen, the tenant of the first floor,  
saw Mrs. Clade run for the cellar and  
just as she gained the stairs Clade  
fired at her.

The bullet struck her in the shoulder  
and she fell to the foot of the stairs.  
Then Clade fired again, striking her  
in the neck. After that he went to  
the bathroom of their home and shot  
himself.

## 22 BELGIANS EXECUTED.

Burgomaster of Namur One of  
Those Reported Put to Death.

AMSTERDAM, Via London, Sept. 19.—  
According to a press despatch from  
Maastricht to-day 22 persons have been  
on trial at Hasselt, Belgium, on charges  
of espionage, of whom 22 were con-  
demned to death on Friday last.

It is rumored, the despatch states, that  
these persons, including M. Golevieux,  
burgomaster of Namur, have already  
been executed.

## ALLIES SLIGHT CARAPANOS.

Their Diplomats at Athens Ignore  
New Foreign Minister.

ATHENS, Sept. 19.—Foreign Minister  
Carapanos has received the congratu-  
latory visits of all the diplomats in  
Athens except those of the allies.

This is the first despatch to pass the  
Anglo-French censorship at Athens,  
showing that the allies are not pleased  
with the new Greek Foreign Minister.

Primary election polls will be open  
to-day from 3 P. M. to 9 P. M. En-  
rolled voters of every party may vote  
on official ballots for their choices for  
party nominations.

**RACING**  
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## FRENCH IN SURPRISE ATTACK CAPTURE GERMAN TRENCHES ON SLOPE OF DEAD MAN HILL

Russian Troops in France Frustrate  
a Bold Stroke by Crown Prince in  
Champagne, Paris Claiming the  
Repulse of Repeated Assaults.

## 1,000,000 MEN FOUGHT TO UTTER EXHAUSTION

Owing to a great storm along the Somme Germans and French  
have shifted the fighting to the Champagne and Verdun fronts, both  
attempting surprise attacks.

Paris reports that Germans battered the Champagne front heavily  
in five attacks in force. Russian troops, who were landed at Marseilles,  
stopped every assault, the French War Office announced, inflicting heavy  
losses on the Teutons.

The French struck northwest of Verdun. The German War Office  
admitted that German trenches were penetrated on Dead Man Hill, the  
burial ground for thousands of the Crown Prince's troops in the un-  
successful attempt to take Verdun from the west bank of the Meuse. Paris  
reported a bold stroke by the Germans at Dead Man Hill.

The only activity on the Somme front occurred south of the river  
where the French War Office this afternoon claimed a slight advance  
east of Berry. The German War Office admitted British gains east  
of Ginchy and near Combles reported by Gen. Haig last night, but  
announced the repulse of all French attacks.

The German official statement reported the repulse of Russo-Rou-  
manian attacks in the Carpathians, near Dorna Vatra, with heavy losses,  
and also the repulse of Roumanian attacks southeast of Hatzeg.

## BERLIN ADMITS BRITISH GAINS; CLAIMS FRENCH LOSS ON SOMME

Paris and London Report That a Great Storm  
Has Impeded the Fighting Around  
Combles and Peronne.

BERLIN, Sept. 19.—The Germans  
have surrendered trenches to the  
British east of Ginchy and north of  
Combles, but have repulsed French  
attacks near Belloy and Vermande-  
villers, south of the Somme. It was  
officially announced to-day.

A French attack on the western  
slope of Dead Man's Hill, northwest  
of Verdun, penetrated German  
trenches.

PARIS, Sept. 19.—The Germans  
broke out with five violent attacks  
on the Champagne front last night  
and attempted a bold stroke against  
Dead Man's Hill, northwest of Ver-  
dun, where there has been little fight-  
ing for several weeks.

The War Office this afternoon an-  
nounced that Russian contingents de-  
fending the Champagne front checked  
all the German attacks with screen  
fire. The onslaughts were delivered  
east and west of the Souain-Somme-  
py road, the Germans losing heavily.

Following is the text of to-day's  
French War Office report:

"On the Somme front operations  
were interrupted by the bad  
weather, but during the night we  
made some progress to the east of  
Berry, taking a number of pris-  
oners."

"A bombardment last night by  
the enemy upon our positions to  
the west and to the east of the  
road between Souain and Somme-  
py (Champagne) reached its  
height in the evening and was fol-  
lowed by several German attacks,  
particularly along the Russian  
sector. Here five successive on-  
slaughts were delivered. Every-